

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
June 22, 2020**

Commission Members Present: David Cleveland, Wil Ortiz, Julian Mercer, and Jeremy Russell.

Events Coordinator: Angie Figiel

Village Administrator: Cheri Clark

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting was conducted in compliance with Governor Roy Cooper's directives regarding group meetings and social distancing as is necessary due to the Covid-19 virus pandemic. The meeting was conducted on a zoom format which, in addition to the regular meeting notice previously posted, was posted on all social media accounts of the Village. The Mayor and one staff member were present in the Council Chambers and the public was allowed entry to attend and view the meeting subject to compliance with the orders from our Governor. All votes on motions were taken by having each council member state their name and then orally state their position on the motion- i.e., for or against.

Call to Order: David Cleveland called the June 22nd, 2020 Parks and Recreation meeting to order.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Jeremy Russell made the motion to approve the May 26th, 2020 P&R minutes as presented. Julian Mercer seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

Changes to the Agenda: Jeremy Russell made the motion to approve the May 26th, 2020 Agenda as presented. Julian Mercer seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

Council Actions:

- Approved Playground Mulch - \$2700.
- Approved additional hardwood mulch \$1250 by Veterans pond

Open Commissioner Seat: Joe McCauley and Donald Martens are two qualified candidates.

Joe feels his strengths are problem solving, a great communicator and organized. He has been in the area for 15 years. He owns 5 different business, he feels his is prompt, supportive and looking forward to joining P&R.

Donald Martens –unavailable for meeting

Vote unanimous for Joe McCauley. The nomination will be taken to Council on July 14th.

Budget Report: Summary of budget presented. P&R will come in under budget for FY 2019/2020. Council approved the FY 2020-2021 budget. P&R's budget will be substantially lower. The 2019-2020 budget had expenses that will not reoccur for the new fiscal year. A few of those were the pool lights, new office furniture, and re-plumbing the Community Center from water leak.

Events: COVID 19 has cancelled many of our Town events.

July 4th - planning to host an ice cream social later in the afternoon or early evening for the Community to come out and enjoy at Mathisen Square. Lake Park Caffe is our Community Partner for this event. Event will depend on Governor's instructions for gatherings due to COVID 19. If Phase II is still in place the event will be cancelled.

Soccer Shots – Due to low participation they have cancelled; Wednesdays June 17 – August 5th and Thursday 9:30-10:00 class. They **ARE** holding the camp on Thursdays at 10:15-10:45 from June 18th – August 6th.

OneBlood mobile is set for July 12th at the Community Center from 1pm to 7pm. Their staff will assist the participants with social distancing for health history, wait lines, and donors. They are providing COVID19 Antibody test, a T-shirt, and free Wellness checkup. All appointments will be made through One Blood.

Red Cross Blood Drive for September is tentative.

Tinkergarten – Requesting to use Russell Park August or September. Registration for participants is an average of \$200 per session. Angie thinks it would be a great program for our community moms!

Details about Tinkergarten:

Tinkergarten lessons are engineered to help kids develop a range of essential physical, cognitive and social-emotional skills. Designed by education experts and loved by busy families throughout the United States, their play-based outdoor curriculum guides parents in raising healthy, confident, and capable kids.

- Classes meet once a week for about one hour, for 6 - 10 weeks per season.
- Classes are small, 4 - 12 kids max, aimed at children 6 months - 8 years.
- A parent or guardian stays with each child.
- To run the program, only a small patch of outdoor space is needed. They teach leave-no-trace principles and make no impact on our greenspaces.

Wil Ortiz made a motion to approve the use of Russell Park by Tinkergarten for their program. Julian Mercer seconded. Vote – unanimous

National Night Out for August 2020 is cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

Pools: Membership and revenue is down 50%. Hopefully next year will be a full season and back to normal.

Pool Lights – Making progress slowly. Depending on weather the pool and tennis courts will be closed Monday from 10am to 2pm so a crane can erect the poles. If it rains the project will have to be rescheduled.

Facilities: AED – Defibrillator purchased for \$2029.32. Our attorney has drafted a policy to use the AED. The policy will be reviewed at the Council meeting on July 14th. The AED would be available if the office or pool is open. All UCSO and Emergency Dept have AED's in their cars. This will serve as a supplement to those units.

Landscaping:

Completed - Tree & Stump Removal –Kiker removed 2 large dead Oak trees in Russell Park, a small River birch on Mimosa, a River birch at Founders Park and a couple of maple trees by Bobbie Lane Pond for \$900.

Completed - Lucas Landscaping spread 25 yards of premium hardwood mulch around the hollies at Veterans Pond and had leftover mulch to spread around the trees at Balsam Pond.

Completed - Lucas Landscaping spread 50 yards of playground mulch at the Founders Park and Russell Park playgrounds and used leftover mulch for the pathway at Mack's Garden by the Community Center.

Tree Watering – Quote from Lucas to water the young trees for July, August, & September once a week was \$300 per week. The total quote was for \$3500 and will be presented to Council for approval in July. Recommendation is to approve up to \$3500 for watering and Wil Ortiz will take the lead on when the watering is needed during the hot & dry weeks, instead of just watering on a schedule when it may not be needed. Jeremy Russell made a motion to spend up to \$3500 to water the trees. Julian Mercer seconded. Vote – unanimous. This amount will be reflected in the 20/21 budget.

Bench Donation – Resident would like to donate a decorative bench at Veterans Pond in memoriam of his wife. The vendor that builds the decorative benches requires a minimum order of two. Does Park and Rec want to incur the expense of a new bench and two concrete pads? Do we need 4 benches at Veterans Pond? Discussion has been tabled until the next meeting.

Dead Trees - River Birch in Iris cul-de-sac needs to be flush cut. Dead tree at 6601 Mimosa St, and two dead trees at Lake Charles. Kiker presented a quote of \$475 remove all 4 trees and grind two stumps at Lake Charles. Wil Ortiz made a motion to approve removal of the 4 trees for \$475. Julian Mercer seconded. Vote – unanimous

Ponds: Russell Park fountain lights have been installed. All cables to the breaker box have been buried. The intent is to have it blue to recognize 1st Responders.

Jeremy Russell is inquiring about the dead bushes at 5809 Creft Circle parallel to the road are in the common area of the Village. They need to be cut down and removed. We will get a quote from Lucas to remove the shrubs, and it will be presented at the next meeting.

Wil Ortiz has purchased the stain and materials needed for the swing project. He is looking for volunteers' teams of 2 to clean off swings and then stain. There are 6 swings total to be stained.

Adjourn: Wil Ortiz made the motion to adjourn. Jeremy Russell seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angie Figiel

Administrative Assistant